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One of major points in Soviet and East German attack on West Berlin, which has appeared both in Soviet notes and in Khrushchev's and Ulbricht's statements, has been that West Berlin is a center of Western Agents carrying out espionage and agitation directed against GDR and Soviet bloc countries. Soviets and East Germans naturally have considerable material available on this subject and have repeatedly published detailed reports of varying degrees of veracity. The way to meet this charge would be, in our opinion, to expose massive Soviet and East German espionage and infiltration efforts in West Berlin and West Germany. Department will presumably want to consider whether it would be appropriate to mention this Soviet and East German activity in reply to Soviet note. In event of negotiations with Soviets on Berlin issue, it is likely that Soviets will revert at conference table to theme of West Berlin as focus of activity hostile to Soviet bloc. Accordingly it would be desirable for us to be prepared to counter with a detailed statement on Soviet and East German espionage and infiltration.

We suggest that Department with assistance of intelligence agencies, may wish consider gathering for use at an appropriate time material on following topics re Soviet-East German activities against West Berlin and West Germany:

1. Espionage.
2. Subversive political activity.
3. Kidnapping (Menschenraub).
4. Subversive propaganda.

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